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Suggestions to Farmers

We suggest that you do not have your crop too thick. One good stalk of corn or cotton will produce more than two poor stalks. When your corn is fifteen inches high, the small hair-like roots will almost meet between the rows. You should therefore cultivate as nearly as level as possible. If you go deeper than two inches, you will cut thousands of these roots and greatly damage your crop. Use a sweep or a very short toothed harrow that is narrow enough to go well between the rows. Pull up all weak plants and destroy all suckers and weeds. These parasites suck the life blood from the plant, just as vermin do from live stock.

Plants like animals must have a balanced ration with an abundance of nutritious food, if you expect the best results. The larger the plant, the more food it will need to assist it in its life work of producing and perfecting its crop. It is a very great mistake to lay by and leave crop when it is one-half or two-thirds grown, and allow it to live on short rations, fight dry weather, suckers and weeds, at the most vital period in its career.

To get the best and most profitable results, shallow mulch cultivation should continue until the grain and cotton are fully matured. If it is possible to do so, well rotted manure, cotton seed meal or any other good fertilizers that are easily soluble, should be spread between the rows of corn and cotton worked into the soil top mulch a short time before the crop begins to fruit. A cotton seed planter with fertilizer attachment set to run very shallow, does this work fairly well, or you can do it by hand.

If you cannot apply these fertilizers you certainly can destroy the suckers, weeds and weak plants and by constant shallow mulch cultivation, keep the earth from cracking and thereby conserve its moisture, warding off to a great extent the damaging effects of hot winds and a dry season. The dryer it is, the more unprofitable things seem to be, the greater necessity for constant work. Keep the weeds down, the suckers out, the top of the earth soft, and you will raise a crop any way.

Guard against damage to land from washing by removing and contour plowing, going across rather than up and down a slope.

Heavy Draft.

Pres. Texas Industrial Congress.

Regulating Renditions

The County Commissioners were in session Monday at the court house as a Board of equalization. They are giving carefully over the tax rolls and will soon have figured up the taxable values in Sevier County.

His Hogship

Those who feel that swine are not progressive animals should read the nice things Uncle Sam has to say about the Texas hog in the Federal Agricultural Department Census Report dated February 1, 1911.

The reports show that in 1870 Texas stood next to the bottom of the hog list of states in the value of hogs per head while in 1911 we leave all southern states behind us and we excel all states in the Union except three in the per cent of increase in value of hogs per head during that period. In 1870 our hogs were valued by the Federal Agricultural Department at \$2.87 per head and in 1911 at \$7.70, making an increase of 373 per cent in values which is a record on hogs that few states in the Union can equal.

No other domestic animal can approach the hog in ratio of increase in value and no one can excel him as a revenue producer. He is rapidly populating our rural districts and his approach has so alarmed numerous cities that ordinances have been passed prohibiting him from entering the city limits. The hog enjoys the distinction of being the only animal that can swell a bank account by emptying a swill barrel.

House Burns

We learn that Willis Rogers lost his residence and contents at Claiborne by fire last week. Loss \$6,000, insurance \$4,000. The fire occurred while the family was attending the closing of the school.



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MEXICAN GOVERNMENT SEEKS INFORMATION

Cables Vice President Carrol About Reported Inter-view

By Associated Press.

Washington, April 29.—(Special to the Signal)—The Mexican government has notified the State Department at Austin that it has cabled vice president Corral concerning his reported interview with a newspaper reporter just before sailing for Europe in which the vice president is reported to have said that the Mexican revolution was fostered by Americans who sought thereby intervention on the part of the American government and possibly the acquisition of Mexican territory.

FEDERALS ON MARCH TO MEET INSURRECTOS

Heavy Field Guns Carried on March by Diaz Soldiers to Meet Rebel Army

By Associated Press.

Chihuahua, April 29.—(Special to the Signal)—More than one hundred freight cars loaded with one thousand Federal soldiers left here today for the north over the Mexican National railroad under command of General Rabago and Oro. The troops are bound for Juarez and carried field guns and heavy ammunition. They will march after going almost 30 miles north. They say they expect to meet the insurrectos in a serious encounter.

A HEAVY LOSS

BY A BIG FIRE

Only Partially Covered by Insurance—The Loss is about \$70,000.00

By Associated Press.

Tenah, Texas, April 29.—(Special to the Signal)—Fire early this morning destroyed about \$70,000 worth of property in this town, the loss is distributed among about one dozen persons. Insurance totals about \$25,000. The origin of the fire is unknown.

PRINTERS GO OUT

ON A STRIKE

Announce They Will Quit Open Shop in the Future

By Associated Press.

Houston, Texas, April 29.—(Special to the Signal)—The printers in the Houston Printing Company have announced they will quit open shop and strike in support of the union.

Went in Little

Germany with Light Tension, a year in England for nothing.

No profit in business is the aim of a man who is not a man of business.

The total output of the Texas government for the year ending January 1, 1911, was \$1,000,000.

Detail show that the Texas government is not a man of business.

Small Share at Rescue

A small share at the rescue of a man who was lost in the mountains of Texas. The man was found by a party of men who were searching for him.

Education for the Masses

Louisville Courier-Journal: The conference for education in the South, now being held in Jacksonville, Fla., is to be devoted chiefly to the discussion of the better adaption of education to life—more especially to rural life in the Southern States. Some of the questions touched upon in the program are: Public and private sanitation, the country church and its relation to rural life, the redirection of the public school and co-operation among farmers.

It is gratifying to note that practically all the educational gatherings, State National and local, that are being held this year, are giving much time to the consideration of the rural school problem. The rural school has been sorely neglected. It is to be regretted that some of the millionaire philanthropists who have been giving their money away to set aside a few millions for the building of country schoolhouses. There is a big opening for philanthropy in that direction. There are hundreds of isolated communities where schools are needed. There are thousands of children who are growing up in ignorance for the lack of school facilities.

The country needs colleges and institutions of higher learning, but most of all it needs education for the masses. There are millions of children in the United States who never saw inside of a college and probably never will enjoy that privilege, unless it be as casual visitors. All these children ought to have some sort of educational training and the place for them to get it is in the common school. The greater the efficiency of the rural schools, the greater their powers for popular good.

There are many wealthy men in this country who give freely and gladly of their means to educational institutions, but as a rule these gifts do not benefit the struggling millions of the rank and file of humanity. Why can not somebody do something for the boys and girls in the cornfields and tobacco patches?

Journalism in Japan

Philosophical Ledger: More than 100 newspapers and magazines are printed in Japan. Many of them are of high quality and are well edited. The Japanese press is a powerful factor in the development of the country.

Journalism in Japan is a very new thing. It is only about 40 years old, but the growth of the press has been rapid. The Japanese press is now a powerful factor in the development of the country.

The growth of Japan is as fast as that of any other civilized country. The reason for this is the development of the press. The Japanese press is now a powerful factor in the development of the country.

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COMMERCIAL SECRETARIES FIGURES

Comparison Made Between Present Legislature and Its Predecessors

The Commercial Secretaries hands out some warm shots at Texas legislators. The present legislature in its acts seemed to the secretaries to have been faultless.

The Texas Commercial Secretaries' Association has just completed a comparison of the acts of the last legislature with those of previous sessions and finds that Thirty-second legislature one of the safest and most stable legislative bodies that ever assembled in Austin. The modern test of a legislature is the amount of property it destroys. The Thirty-second legislature destroyed absolutely no property, which is an enviable distinction that no other legislative body of recent years enjoys.

The statutes show that the destructive tendency of legislation began to develop nearly a quarter of a century ago and reached its climax in the Thirtieth and Thirty-first legislatures when approximately one hundred million dollars worth of property was destroyed by legislation. These figures may seem startling to those who have not given the subject consideration and the basis of computation may be of interest to those who may care to make the calculation.

The value of an industrial investment is, as a rule, determined by the dividend it will pay and it is a business rule that one dollar of net revenue per annum gives 25 of value to the body of

the property. Therefore, when the state takes a dollar unnecessarily or unjustly from an enterprise (private or corporate) which depends upon its net revenue for property value, we destroy \$25 worth of the property and especially is this true with properties not able to shift their burdens. That particular dollar which the state takes from a legitimate enterprise by process of law, however great the hardship it may work, is of course not destroyed; it is simply transferred to the state or distributed to other lines of industry or individuals, but the remaining \$24 of the \$25 above referred to is destroyed as completely as if the property had been gutted by fire.

On this basis of computation, an examination of the numerous acts of the thirtieth and thirty-first legislatures placing unjust and new burdens upon industry by taxation and regulation will very quickly run the total amount of property destroyed up to \$100,000,000 to say nothing of the intangible damages which accrued from the business disturbances following such radical changes.

Constructive legislation is, of course, always desirable and is a thing to be hoped for, but if we can escape destruction at the hands of a legislature, we ought to be satisfied.

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